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BEFORE
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. J. CHELAMESWAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. POTSANGBAM
(Chelameswar,CJ)

While disposing of a batch of writ petitions by a common judgment dated 25.5.07, a learned Judge of this Court directed the respondents herein, who are applicants/appellants to hold the election for the Goan Panchayats/Anchalik Panchayats/Zilla Panchayats on or before 31st October,2007. However, the applicants/ appellants could not conduct the election as directed by the Court within the stipulated time. Thereafter, seeking enlargement of the time schedule stipulated by the Court, the applicants/appellants herein approached the Court by way of MC No.3320/07, which was rejected by the learned Single Judge by an order dated 18.9.07. Hence the present appeal.

Since a large number of respondents/writ petitioners are involved in the appeal, this court by an order dated 3.10.2007 directed the appellants to serve notice by way of publication in two leading news papers and such publication in fact effected on 11th October,2007 in the Assam Tribune and on 17th October,2007 in the Asomia Pratidin.

Today, when the matter is taken up, the appellants as well as the State of Assam, who are respondents in the present appeal and also respondents in the original writ petition stated that though all necessary preparations are made, in view of the pendency of the present appeal, the appropriate notification calling upon the electoral college to elect representatives to various local bodies could not be issued. It is further stated that if the time is enlarged, the appellants would issue appropriate election declaration Notification on the 16th of November,2007 and conduct the election thereafter in accordance with law.

In the circumstances, we deem it appropriate to dispose of the appeal modifying the order in the writ petition permitting the appellants to conduct the election to the various local bodies forthwith by publishing appropriate notification calling upon the electoral to elect the representatives of the various local bodies by issuing an appropriate notification on the 16th of November,2007 and conduct the election thereafter in accordance with law.

The appeal and the misc. case are accordingly disposed of.